There is no project under private public partnership through National Culture Fund in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Survey of sites of historical and cultural importance

1512. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a USA based organization has conducted a survey in the world under the drive of 'World Monument Watch' and listed some Indian sites of historical and cultural importance in the Most Endangered Sites in the World;

(b) the number of monuments/sites of historical and cultural heritage declared Most Endangered Sites from Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has taken any serious note on this survey and formulated any conservation plan to save these sites of Indian cultural heritage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The World Monument watch, a US based private organization conducts to such surveys from time to time. They have included 5 Indian sites in the list of Most Endangered Sites 2008, none of which has been notified under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 as of national importance; nor is any of these sites located in Himachal Pradesh.

Protection of monuments

1513. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments presently protected by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and State Governments State-wise;

(b) whether there are thousands of monuments as on date which are neither under the control of ASI nor the State Governments which have not been protected so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide protection to such monuments?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There are 3667 monuments protected by Archaeological Suvey of India (ASI). The State-wise position is given Statement— I (*See* below). Besides, there are 3573 monuments protected by State Governments. The State-wise position is at Statement—II (*See* below).

(b) There are a large number of monuments which are neither under the control of Archaeological Survey of India nor under State Governments.

(c) There is no datebase which gives details of unprotected monuments.

(d) The National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities has been launched to prepare a national database of the archaeological remains, sites, antiquities and monuments of the country.

The Central Government may declare any ancient monument or archaeological site and remains as protected under the Ancient Monuments, and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 keeping in view the importance of the site.

Statement-I

List of Centrally protected Mounments under Archaeological survey of India

Sl. No.	State	No. of Monuments
1.	Andhra Pradesh	137
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	005
3.	Assam	053
4.	Bihar	070
5.	Chhattisgarh	047
6.	Delhi	175
7.	Goa	021
8.	Gujarat	202
9.	Haryana	090
10.	Himachal Pradesh	040
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	069
12.	Jharkhand	012
13.	Karnataka	507
14.	Kerala	026
15.	Madhya Pradesh	286
16.	Maharashtra	286
17.	Manipur	001
18.	Meghalaya	008
19.	Mizoram	No protected monument
20.	Nagaland	004
21.	Orissa	078
22.	Punjab	031
23.	Rajasthan	162
24.	Sikkim	003
25.	Tamil Nadu	413
26.	Tripura	005
27.	Uttar Pradesh	742
28.	Uttarakhand	042
29.	West Bengal	133
30.	Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	No protected monument
31.	Chandgarh (UT)	No protected monument
32.	Dadra Nagar & Haveli (UT)	No protected monument
33.	Daman & Diu (UT)	012
34.	Lakshadweep (UT)	No protected monument
35.	Pondicherry	007
	TOTAL:	3667

Statement-II

List of State protected Mounments in India

Sl. No.	State	No. of Monuments
1.	Andhra Pradesh	500
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	007
3.	Assam	096
4.	Bihar	030
5.	Chhattisgarh	058
6.	Delhi	No protected monument
7.	Goa	051
8.	Gujarat	361
9.	Haryana	023
10.	Himachal Pradesh	005
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	028
12.	Jharkhand	003
13.	Karnataka	747
14.	Kerala	102
15.	Madhya Pradesh	326
16.	Maharashtra	244
17.	Manipur	049
18.	Meghalaya	004
19.	Mizoram	053
20.	Nagaland	No protected monument
21.	Orissa	218
22.	Punjab	061
23.	Rajasthan	227
24.	Sikkim	No protected monument
25.	Tamil Nadu	086
26.	Tripura	No protected monument
27.	Uttar Pradesh	141
28.	Uttarakhand	047
29.	West Bengal	106
30.	Andaman & Nicobar(UT)	No protected monument
31.	Chandigarh (UT)	No protected monument
32.	Dadra Nagar & Haveli(UT)	No protected monument
33.	Daman & Diu(UT)	No protected monument
34.	Lakshadweep(UT)	No protected monument
35.	Pondicherry(UT)	No protected monument
	TOTAL:	3573